

I am in disbelief that propoganda like this is going to preempt regular programming. The fact that we are allowing this in the United States of America is nothing short of appalling. I can make threats about not watching those stations or buying those products that have anything to do with this, but that is really not the issue. What is at stake is freedom from political propoganda that the US has denounced from other governments. Can we trust our newstations at all? Is this really what it ahs come to in this country? If this is allowed to happen, then Michael Moore's movie should be allowed to preempt regular programming the next night in order to provide a fair and balanced programming line-up.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.